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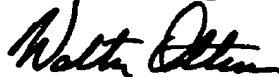

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To: Examiner Andrew M. DolinarUnited States Patent and Trademark OfficeGroup Art Unit 3747From: Walter OttesenNumber of Sheets (including cover sheet) Twenty-one (21)Message: An amendment in response to the action mailed
on October 29, 2004 is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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Filed: January 21, 2004 Attorney Docket: R 304224
For: Method for Operating an
Internal Combustion Engine

Amendment

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed on October 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

A Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$1000.00 to cover five additional independent claims in excess of three independent claims originally paid for when the application was filed is attached. **A copy of form PTO/SB/06 (Patent Application Fee Determination Record) is also attached.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of payment to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.

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